

## MAJORITY CENSORSHIP REPLIES STUDIED

French and English Replies to Protests of Four Months Ago Are Received.

State Department officials are today studying the identical French and British reply to the American protest of more than four months ago against certain features of the allied mail censorship. The notes, written in French, were delivered to the department last week. Arrangements are being made for their simultaneous publication in the near future by the British, French and American governments. Although neither department officials nor allied diplomats would discuss the contents of the reply, it is learned on good authority that the two governments taking issue with American contentions, maintain:

Government's Contentions.

1. That they have a right to censor letter mail.

2. That they are justified in forcing neutral ships into British and French ports to censor mail.

3. That they have a right to seize United States postal money orders of "enemy" destination.

4. That because all of the belligerents do not ratify the Hague conventions, their provisions affecting mail censorship are not in force.

After entering into a full discussion of these questions, the reply points out that improved administration of the censorship, and the consequent decrease in the delay to which neutral and "innocent" mail is subject should meet the States.

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## PEACE PROPOSAL UP TO REICHSTAG

Socialist Leader Declares Status of Belligerents Before the War Will Prevail.

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without shedding another drop of blood. Their national press pictures the Germans as far below any human feeling, and still millions of Frenchmen race to their death for the improbable chance of making 4,000,000 Germans French subjects."

Count Westarp, the conservative leader, took issue with Scheidemann in the peace discussion, declaring the objects of the war as proclaimed by the Socialists were unacceptable to him. He protested Scheidemann's statement that the French could have peace without losing territory, and said:

"We must have territorial integrity, political independence and free economic evolution for Germany. What we have conquered at the cost of our blood we will hold as long as necessary in order to assure the future of the German nation."

Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the powerful Center or Catholic party, left no doubt whatever that his party stands for war to the bitter end, which, according to his idea, can only be brought about by compelling England to make peace.

"In ancient wars," said Dr. Spahn, "the principal aim was the test of the commanding general. For us this test

stands in England. If it is said that the opening of the pardons in the parliament question to Russia, I am in a position to state that German and Austria-Hungary were prepared to discuss this question with Russia many years ago."

Domestic Politics.

As to domestic politics, Dr. Spahn has not much to say, but he declared his party certainly was in favor of the general readjustment of affairs which the chancellor had outlined in his recent speech with the words "free competition for all efficiencies."

The meeting also was marked by the announcement from National Liberal Leader Bassermann that the main committee of the Reichstag had reached no conclusion in its discussion of the question of reviving submarine warfare, but had agreed that there should be no public discussion of the question in the Reichstag.

Brig. Gen. M. M. Macomb

Ends 42 Years' Service

With a record of forty-two years honorable service, Brig. Gen. Montgomery Meigs Macomb, U. S. A., president of the Army War College, was automatically retired from active service yesterday under the statute which provides for retirement of officers at the age of sixty-four.

General Macomb was referred to in terms of highest praise by officials at the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, today. The records show that he entered the service in 1874 as second lieutenant, following his graduation from the United States Military Academy. He was in the field in the Porto Rico campaign during the Spanish-American war and afterward in the Philippines. He was made brigadier general in 1910.

Kappa Alphas to Hold Smoker.

Alpha Nu Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity will hold its second rush smoker of the season at its chapter house, 2011 Columbia road to night.

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Boys' and Girls' Fleeced Cotton Union Suits, bleached and gray; high neck and long sleeves; ankle length pants; bleached in sizes 3 to 16 years, and gray in sizes 24 to 34.

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